

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 has been amended. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for controlling a fuel cell system, in which a hydrogen-containing reformer gas is produced in a reformer unit by selectively separating the reformer gas from a gas mixture using a diaphragm module having a separation diaphragm, the method comprising:

 during normal operation of the fuel cell system:

 keeping the gas mixture at a higher pressure than the separated reformer gas;

 supplying the reformer gas to an anode side of a fuel cell module; and

 supplying an oxidation agent to a cathode side of the fuel cell module, the fluids on the anode side and the cathode side of the ~~fuel cell~~ diaphragm module being separated by a separation diaphragm unit; and

~~during abnormal operation including a~~ in case of the bursting of the diaphragm:

 holding a pressure differential between a side of the reformer unit facing the anode side and the cathode side of the fuel cell module below a predefined value.

Claim 2 (original): The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the differential pressure is essentially held below 500 mbar.

Claims 3 to 10 (withdrawn).